You THINK I'm Here

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In a parody of the Oct. 3rd Presidential debate, we have a window inside Obama's mind to see where he really imagines himself to be, and what he really is saying to himself during the incredibly long pauses between the words he utters in the debate. Fred Armisen plays the part of the Obama in the mind (**Obama1**), while **Jay Pharoah** plays the Obama in Denver in the middle of the debate (**Obama2**).

Obama 2
So, uh, Carl, you asked me about taxes. It's Carl, right? No wait, I'm sorry, Jim. Taxes, right…..

[Obama1 *is sitting atop a small sand hill in the desert at night, illuminated by the moon.*]

Obama1
Oh yes, I should care about talking taxes with some lying creep who bullies everyone with his fasting-talking 3-card monty mumbo jumbo….. I'm looking at the worst thing since the Cuban Missile Crisis! And that's OVER with, we know how that turned out. This is worse, and it's coming towards us! It could go either way! Do they even know what happened, not…. half-an-hour before the debate? No, of course not, it's privileged information, no, I know, they don't know….. how can we diplomatically repair….

Lehrer
Excuse me, Mr. President?

Obama2
I'm sorry, uh, Walt, you're Walt, right? No, uh, Frank, very sorry, yes, no, uh, Jim, Jim. I was saying, uh taxes…..

Obama1
Israel isn't gonna wait. And anyway sooner or later, we aren't gonna wait. And then the Russians are gonna jump in, you know that's gotta happen after Israel…. And North Korea, the whole Middle East. World War III! Oh, and then China and Europe! Am I leaving anybody out? Now how in God's green earth they got me busy here, wasting my energy arguing here with some lame ass, rich…. white…. lying….. piece of….

Lehrer
Excuse me, Mr. President?

Obama2
Uh yes, so if Mr. Romney, oh, I'm sorry, Mitt. Okay, so if Mitt isn't willing to reveal his taxes from more than two years ago, from before he was running for president, then…..

Lehrer
Yes?

Obama2
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Obama 1
IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT!